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For: *TRANSGENIC SYSTEMS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF POLY(3-HYDROXY-BUTYRATE-CO-3-HYDROXYHEXANOATE)*"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 9, 2002, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response are National Center for Biotechnology Information sequence listings (phbB from *Asospirillum brasilense*; phbA, phbB, phbC from *Pseudomonas putida*; phbC from *Rhodobacter sphaeroides*; phbC from *Azorhizobium caulinodans*; phaC from *Pseudomonas sp.*; and phbC from *A. eutrophus*), totaling 14 pages. Also submitted with this response is an Associate Power of Attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34 recognizing Todd S. Hofmeister, Rivka D. Monheit, and Zhaoyang Li as Associate Patent Attorneys in this case.

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

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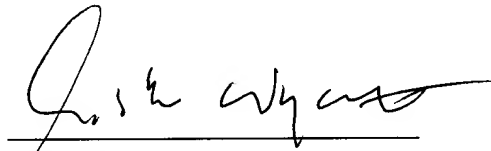
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Aisha Wyatt

Date: March 10, 2003